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WILLIAM E. CUTHBERT

Plaintiff

-against-

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BY

WILLIAM E. CUTHBERT

LONG ISLAND OFFICE

18 Civ. 4796 (JS) (AYS)

THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON NEW YORK,  
AND POLICE OFFICERS FRANK TROTTA  
AND BARRY JOHNSON

Defendants.

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STATE OF NEW YORK ) ss:  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK )

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I WILLIAM E. CUTHBERT, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

EDNY PRO SE OFFICE

1. I am the Pro se Plaintiff in the above captioned case.
2. I make this AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT of my OBJECTION to  
**Magistrate Judge Anne Y. Shields' RECOMMENDATION** to  
dismiss my case.
3. On Jan. 23, 2014, P.O. Trotta, without probable cause to believe I  
committed any crime or offense, falsely arrested me for Disorderly

Conduct. His reason, he did not like my attitude. Later, at the EHTP Station, he added Harassment and Resisting Arrest.

4. After being falsely arrested, and handcuffed without resistance, I was assaulted and abused. First by P.O. Trotta, joined in by P.O. Johnson. The officers' physical abuse of me, while I was handcuffed painfully to the rear, caused injuries all over my upper body.
5. Jana Nishida, my girlfriend, came to the scene and took two photos of me being held on the iced ground by P.O. Johnson with his left knee pressing into my back. These photos were defense exhibits at my criminal trial. (Exhibit A the two photos mentioned above)
6. On Jan. 23, 2014, the police officers held me on the iced ground for about 40 minutes. Then I was dragged over to a police car and thrown onto the rear seat. Then I was hogtied and driven to the East Hampton Town Police Station. While there, Sergeant Clafin took photos of some of my injuries. The Sergeant titled the photos, "Injuries possibly caused in custody." Meaning in the custody of Officers Trotta and Johnson. These photos, at my trial, were defense exhibits.

7. On Jan. 14, 2014, I made Station House bail in the amount of \$300 and was given an Appearance Ticket to appear in the East Hampton Town Justice Court for arraignment on the trumped-up charges.
8. On Jan. 23, 2014, after making bail, Jana and I went to see Doctor Kerr to have him examine my injuries. We were too late to see him. We drove home and Jana took photos of my injuries. These photos, at my trial, were defense exhibits.
9. On Jan. 24, 2014 Jana and I went back to see Dr. Kerr. I told him the day before, Jan. 23, 2014, I was assaulted by two East Hampton Town Police Officers. I have the medical records for that visit and all after.
10. I retained, by referral, Patrick F. Gunn Esq. He has a particularly good reputation and was a former Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County. I told him I was falsely arrested and physically abused and the charges against me were all lies.
11. Mr. Gunn, after digging in the case against me, advised me not to take my case to trial. He said, because the Prosecution would call four police officers to the stand.

12. On April 10, 2014 Patrick Gunn, Esq. informed me, by letter, of the prosecutor's plea bargain offers. I turned the offers down. And told Mr. Gunn again, "I'm innocent and want to go to trial."
13. On April 24, 2014, Mr. Gunn filed a NOTICE OF MOTION. Where he argued the facial insufficiency of the Disorderly Conduct Information. Writing that the words between P.O. Trotta and me were one on one. Words spoken without any public context.
14. On June 13, 2014 the Prosecution filed an AFFIRMATION IN OPPOSITION to my attorney's motion to dismiss all the Informations.
15. On Aug. 7, 2014, Judge Tekulsky, in a written decision, denied Mr. Gunn's motion to dismiss the case against me.
16. On Aug. 8, 2014, Mr. Gunn, by letter, again informed me of the plea offers and added ". . . it is very unlikely that you will be victorious at trial."
17. On Aug. 22, 2014 I advised Mr. Gunn that I had retained Joseph Giannini Esq. to take over my case. Mr. Giannini filed a Notice of Appearance that same day.

18. On Oct. 14, 2014 my criminal trial began. The Prosecution called four East Hampton Town Police Officers and one civilian. I testified on my own behalf along with my girlfriend, Jana Nishida.
19. During my trial P.O. Trotta testified that there was no public nuisance before he arrested me. On direct at page 10, L 5-25 and page 11, L 5-25. On cross at page 33, L 4-21. His testimony dovetails with his sworn statement in the Disorderly Conduct Information.
20. On Oct. 17, 2014, I was found Guilty of Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest and Not Guilty of Harassment. My case was put over to Dec. 4, 2014 for Sentencing.
21. On Oct. 17, 2014 Judge Tekulsky ordered me to report to Suffolk County Probation Department for a Pre-Sentencing Interview.
22. On Nov. 4, 2014 I went to the Suffolk County Probation Department, with my attorney, for a pre-sentencing interview. He was there to answer any questions about the case and for moral support.
23. On Nov. 4, 2014 Probation Officer Yvette A. Mulhall, at the end of a long interview, said to me, "I believe you were mistreated by the

police officers and you are innocent. I will recommend a Conditional Discharge.”

24. On Dec. 4, 2014, I appeared in Justice Court for sentencing. When Judge Tekulsky asked if I wanted to say something before he imposed sentence I said, “Yes, I am innocent. I did not take a plea because I am innocent. I went to trial because I am innocent. I will appeal because I am innocent.” Judge Tekulsky then said to me, “A jury of your peers found you guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.” Then he sentenced me to a Conditional Discharge and 8 hours of anger management counseling to be completed in one year.

25. On Dec. 20, 2014, Mr. Giannini filed a Notice of Appeal for me. Then recommended Del Atwell, Esq. to do the appeal. I took his advice and retained Mr. Atwell.

26. On Aug. 24, 2017, the Supreme Court, Kings County Appellate Term, reversed and dismissed my convictions based on facial insufficiency of the Disorderly Conduct Information. The same issue that Patrick F. Gunn, Esq. raised before I was held over to stand trial. And the same issue that Mr. Giannini raised before, during and after

my *criminal* trial. The Appellate Court decision did not go beyond the first point in my Appellate Brief.

27. Now Mark A. Radi, the Defendant's attorney, and **ANNE Y.**

**SHIELDS, United States Magistrate Judge**, have written I do not have a meritorious claim and my case should be dismissed.

28. Mr. Radi went so far as to write, "Plaintiff does not have a federal lawsuit merely because he beat the charges on a jurisdictional technicality." (See his PRELIMINARY STATEMENT in his MEMO OF LAW at page 1, L 5 and 6)

29. Defendant's Counsel, when he uses the words jurisdiction technicality, should remember I was falsely arrested for nothing. The Disorderly Conduct Information failed to allege any unlawful conduct. It was, beyond a doubt, a trumped-up charge that passed muster. It survived repeated motions to dismiss. It caused me to be tried for nothing. And convicted of nothing. And win my appeal that means nothing.

30. The phrase jurisdictional technicality was the basis for me being railroaded by systemic corruption and misconduct in our Criminal

Justice System. Now it seems the same will occur in our Federal Civil Justice System.

31. From the get-go I maintained I was arrested for nothing and physically abused. I am innocent and trusted in our system of laws to help me. So far not so.

32. Now United States Magistrate Judge ANNE Y. SHIELDS is recommending that my case be dismissed because I failed to state a claim. How does the Magistrate's RECOMMENDATION stack up against the following: On Jan. 23, 2014, P.O. Trotta had no probable cause to arrest me. So, he falsely arrested me because he did not like my attitude. Later that day P.O. Trotta drafted and swore to a Disorderly Conduct Information that did not allege any unlawful acts. So.

33. While my criminal case was pending, The East Hampton Star, the paper of record here, published very hurtful articles about me and my case. Mr. Giannini responded by writing three letters to the editor, titled, "State v Cuthbert," "He Will Be Vindicated," and "Law and Disorder." (Exhibit B, the letter "Law and Disorder" as it appeared in The Star and Mr. Giannini's copy)



34. I have been fighting for over six years to vindicate myself in both  
state and federal courts. Justice abounds?

  
William E. Cuthbert

Sworn to this 9th  
day of May, 2020



MARY E. CROGHAN  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK  
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## Law and Disorder

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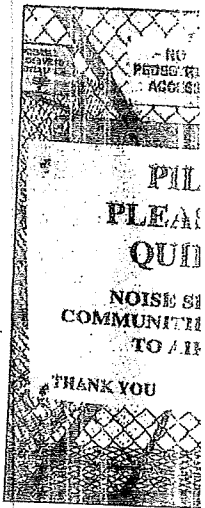
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I, Joseph Giannini, Esq., declare under penalty of perjury that I have served a copy of the attached Plaintiff's Objection by Priority Mail (RRR) upon Defendant's Counsel Mark A. Radi whose address is 179 Westbury Avenue, Carle Place New York 11514.

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